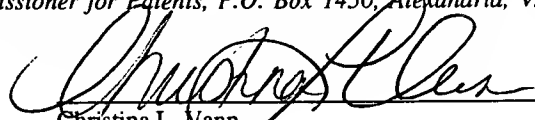




REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Christina L. Vann

Application Number : 09/997,264
Filing Date : November 28, 2001
Inventor(s) : Jacques Prodel, et al.
Title : INSTALLATION FOR THE CIRCULATION OF PART-CARRYING
PALLETES AND A PROCESS FOR THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF

Group Art Unit : 3726
Examiner Name : John C. Hong
Docket No. : 45976/DBP/N75 Date: September 27, 2004

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
(1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on March 26, 2004, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
☒ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on June 24, 2004
☐ via Express Mail
☒ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
(2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid
☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on

b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

- a. Previously submitted
☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

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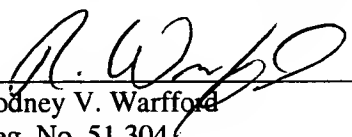
- _____ Other:
b. Enclosed
 X Amendment/Reply
 _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 _____ Information Disclosure Statement
 _____ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
 X Petition for Extension of Time
 _____ Other:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Application No. 09/997,264

PART I — BASIC FEE			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$385.00	Large Entity \$770.00	\$770

PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	16	*20	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	1	**3	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$145.00	\$290.00	0
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0
List Independent Claims: 1						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

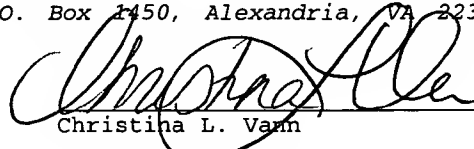
1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*
- Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
A check for \$770 is enclosed.
 - X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST
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Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office action of March 26, 2004 and the Advisory Action of August 3, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.